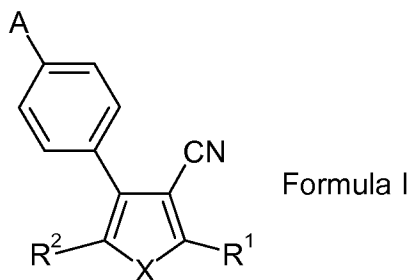


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of Formula I:

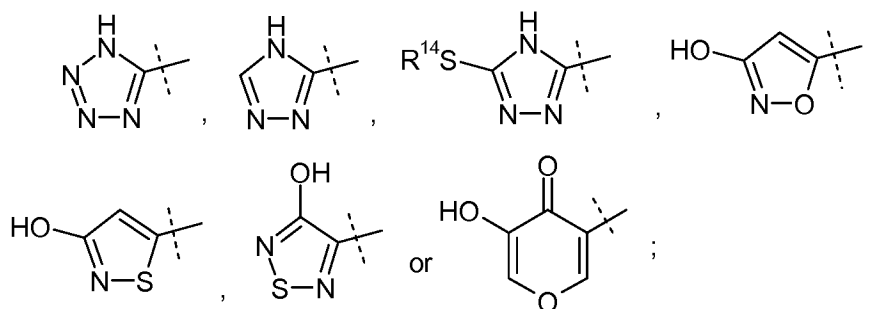


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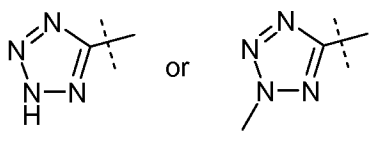
X represents S or O;

R¹ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CHO, -CN, -S(phenyl), CF₃, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -SO(1-4C)alkyl, -SO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)(1-3C)alkyl, NH₂, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -NH(4-7C)cycloalkyl, or -N[(1-4C)alkyl](CH₂)_rN[(1-4C)alkyl]₂;

R² represents -CN, -CO₂H, -C(=O)NHR¹³, -C(=O)NHOH, -C(=O)NHCN, -SO₂OH, -SO₂NH(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NHOSO₂R¹⁹, -PH(=O)(OH), -P(=O)(OH)₂, -P(=O)(OH)NH₂, -P(=O)(OH)CH[(1-4C)alkoxy]₂, -C(=O)NHOSO₂CF₃, -C(=O)NHOSO₂CH₂CF₃,



R⁴ represents hydrogen, OH, -CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂O(1-4C)alkyl, F, Cl, CF₃, OCF₃, -CN, NO₂, NH₂, -CH₂NH₂, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -C(=O)NH(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NH₂, -CH₂C(=O)NH₂, -NHC(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH₂)_mNHOSO₂R¹⁰, -(CH₂)_nCN, -(CH₂)_mCO₂H, -C(=NOH)CH₃, -(CH₂)_mCO₂(1-6C)alkyl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -SR¹⁰, -SOR¹⁰, -SO₂R¹⁰, SH, -CH₂SO₂NH₂, -CH₂NHC(=O)CH₃,



R⁵ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, -CN, NO₂, NH₂, -(CH₂)_mNHSO₂R¹⁰, -(1-4C)alkyl, or -(1-4C)alkoxy;

R⁶ represents hydrogen, -(1-4C)alkyl, -SO₂R¹¹, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R⁷ represents hydrogen or -(1-4C)alkyl;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, -CN, -NHSO₂R¹¹, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R^{8a} represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, NO₂, NH₂, NH(1-6C)alkyl, N[(1-6C)alkyl]₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -CN, -CO₂H, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -NHCO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NHCH₂CH₂CN, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹² each independently represent -(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH₂)₃Cl, CF₃, NH₂, NH(1-4C)alkyl, N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, thienyl, phenyl, -CH₂phenyl, or -(CH₂)₂phenyl, wherein phenyl, as used in substituent R¹⁰, R¹¹ or R¹², is unsubstituted or substituted with F, Cl, Br, CF₃, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4)alkoxy, or acetyl;

R¹³ represents hydrogen, -(1-4C)alkyl, -CH₂CF₃, triazole, or tetrazole;

R¹⁴ represents -(1-4C)alkyl;

R¹⁵ represents hydrogen or -(1-4C)alkyl;

R¹⁹ represents (1-4C)alkyl or CF₃;

m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3;

n represents 1, 2, 3, or 4;

p represents 1 or 2;

r represents 1 or 2; and

A is selected from the group consisting of -OH, Br, I, CF₃, -(CH₂)_mCN, -C(CH₃)₂CN, NO₂, NH₂, -O(CH₂)_nNH₂, -O(CH₂)_nNHSO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -O(CH₂)_nSO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NH(CH₂)_rNHSO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-6C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -(2-4C)alkenyl, -(2-4C)alkenyloxy, -CO₂H, -CO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -CHO, -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(1-6C)alkyl, -C(=O)NR¹⁵(CH₂)_mphenyl wherein phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of OH, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, NH₂, -NHSO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -CN, -(1-4C)alkyl, and -(1-4C)alkoxy; -OSO₂CF₃, -O(CH₂)_nCN, -NHC(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -NHC(=O)(CH₂)_mphenyl wherein phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of OH, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, NH₂, CN, -(1-4C)alkyl and -(1-4C)alkoxy; -(CH₂)_mNHSO₂R¹²,

-CH(CH₃)(CH₂)_pNHSO₂R¹², -(CH₂)_pCH(CH₃)NHSO₂R¹², -NH(CH₂)_mphenyl wherein phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of OH, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, NH₂, CN, -(1-4C)alkyl, and -(1-4C)alkoxy; -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -C(=O)NH(3-6C)cycloalkyl, -C(=O)NH(CH₂)_nN[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -C(=O)NH(CH₂)_nNH(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH₂)_nNH₂, -O(CH₂)_nSR¹⁴, -O(CH₂)_nOR¹⁴, -(CH₂)_nNHR¹², -(CH₂)_nNH(3-6C)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_nN[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -CH₂NHC(=O)CH₃, -NHC(=O)NHR¹², -NHC(=O)N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂,

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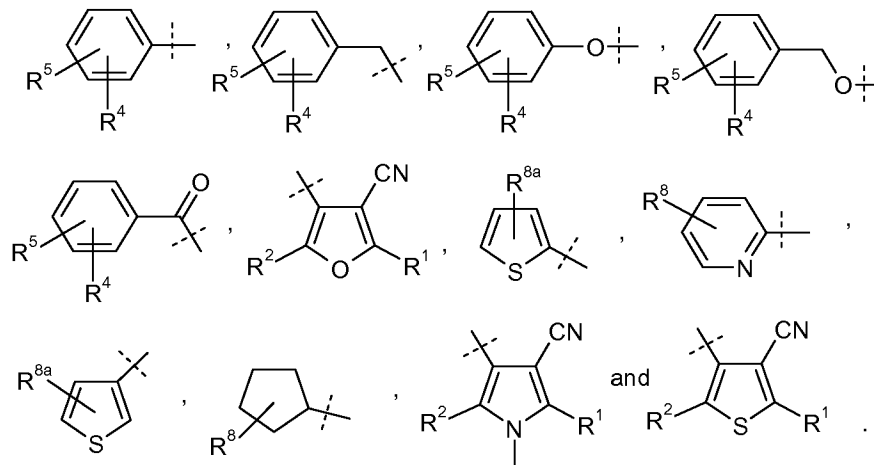
2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 represents $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein X represents S.

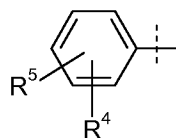
4. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein X represents O.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~claim 4 or claim 5~~ claim 1 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of: $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{12}$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{CH}_2)\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{12}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{12}$,



7. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ wherein A is



8. (Cancelled).

9. (Original). A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 represents hydrogen, $-\text{SCH}_3$, CF_3 , methyl, or ethyl.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim ~~10~~ 7 wherein R^5 represents hydrogen, F, Cl, or $-(1-4\text{C})$ alkyl.

12. - 14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim ~~14~~ 11 wherein R^4 represents hydrogen, $-\text{CN}$, ethoxy, or $-\text{SCH}_3$.

16. - 24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently amended) Use of a compound according to claim 1 ~~for use~~ as a pharmaceutical.

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26. - 41. (Cancelled).